

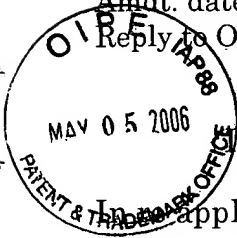
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In response to the Office Action dated November 7, 2005, the time for response to which is extended by three months to May 8, 2006, please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.